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An Act to Support Lower Home Energy Costs by Establishing a Home Energy Scoring System

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.
Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and
Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, DOUDERA of Camden, GEIGER of Rockland, GERE
of Kennebunkport, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senator: GROHOSKI of Hancock.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10130** is enacted to read:

3 **§10130. Home energy score; home energy audit requirements**

4 The trust shall establish a home energy scoring system in accordance with this section
5 for residential buildings for the purpose of evaluating a building's energy efficiency and
6 relative greenhouse gas emissions. This section governs the development of the home
7 energy score and home energy audit requirements.

8 **1. Home energy audit requirements.** A home energy audit must be conducted by an
9 energy auditor that meets the requirements of section 10114. An energy auditor must
10 provide a written report of the home energy audit to the requestor of the home energy audit.
11 The report must include the building's home energy score.

12 **2. Violations.** Penalties may be issued by the trust against an individual who:

13 A. Conducts or offers to conduct a home energy audit without meeting the requirements
14 of section 10114; or

15 B. Impersonates an energy auditor.

16 **3. Uses of home energy score.** A home energy score provided under subsection 1 may
17 be used in accordance with the following:

18 A. A county or municipality may promote or administer home energy audits;

19 B. A county or municipality may require a home energy score at the time a residential
20 building is advertised for sale; or

21 C. The trust may require a home energy score for an individual to be eligible to receive
22 financial rebates or other incentives for energy efficiency improvements under
23 programs administered by the trust.

24 **4. Rules.** The trust shall adopt rules to implement this section, including but not
25 limited to:

26 A. Rules establishing a home energy scoring system required under this section in
27 accordance with this paragraph. The home energy score must be consistent with the
28 United States Department of Energy asset-based home energy score in order to measure
29 the performance of the building and not the number or behavior of occupants of the
30 building;

31 B. Rules relating to the report required under subsection 1, including:

32 (1) The time period an energy auditor has to provide a report of a home energy
33 audit to the requestor of the audit; and

34 (2) Information required to be contained in the report of a home energy audit,
35 including the following depicted through graphics:

36 (a) Home energy score on a scale of one to 10, with 10 being the best score;

37 (b) Amount of estimated energy use by fuel type per year;

38 (c) Unit prices by fuel type used to calculate the estimated energy costs;

39 (d) Estimated annual cost of energy by fuel type;

